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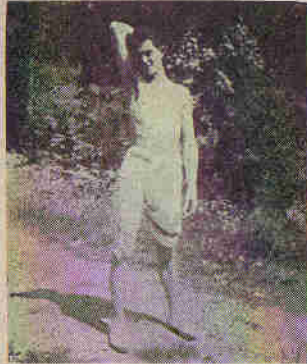


HINDU HOLY MAN

ROUNDUP MAIL SACK

Jaldi Jao!

● Doesn't this picture of my husband remind you of a far-away land? It isn't, though. It's Sturgeon Bay, Wis., on our honeymoon last year. We



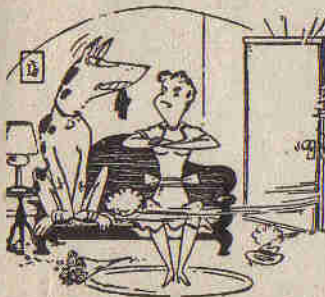
suddenly got homesick—at least I did because Calcutta's my home! "It's the least I can do for you," said Jack, as he threw all self-consciousness to the winds. Jack doesn't know I'm sending this masterpiece in to you, so if you should publish it, give me plenty of time to "Jaldi Jao!!"

Cynthia (Palmer) Langewak,
Badger, Wis.
Jaldi Jao!!—ED.

Inactive CBI Club

● . . . Cleveland has had its own CBI Club since 1946 but it has been very inactive for the past year or so.

Clifford J. Emling,
Lakewood, Ohio



"There's no reason why you should get mad everytime someone mentions India!"

Ex-Hump Pilots Flying Animals From Calcutta

A group of former air force "Hump" pilots are currently engaged in flying animals, birds and reptiles from Calcutta, India, to the United States and Europe, a United Press correspondent observed recently.

The airways company has flown some 2,200 specimens intended for zoological gardens and medical research. More than 2,000 were birds and dogs. Ten vipers, as many lizards and five cobras were consigned to Switzerland. Three tigers, five cubs and three cranes found their way to the London zoo.

A-36's in CBI

● Reference is made to D. C. Miller's letter on page 12 of the Dec., 1948, issue of The Roundup. Miller is in error when he states there were no A-36's in the CBI theater. The 311th Fighter-Bomber Gp., which arrived in India in Sept., 1943, had a squadron of A-36's stationed at Sookerating and another at Dinjan. These conducted the strafing attacks reported in your September issue. The A-36's were all replaced by P-51's in early 1944.

A. R. QUILLINAN,
Cassville, Mo.

Gas Fire in Burma

● Our outfit . . . 709th Engineer Petroleum Distr. Co. laid pipeline from Calcutta into China . . . most interesting experience we had was when one of our storage tanks located at Shingbwiyang lost all of its 10,000 gallons of 100-octane gasoline. This ran into the river nearby and was set afire by some Indians fishing in the river. The fire destroyed a complete Indian hospital, causing three deaths. One day was taken to bring the fire under control and this was done by using explosives to make fire breaks in the jungle . . . was the largest blaze I have ever seen.

GERALD WM. MYERS,
Waynesboro, Pa.

MAIL SACK

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Association Dues

● While clipping out the subscription stub of the December issue to pass on to a friend, I noticed a \$1.50 fee made one a member of the National Association. I pondered over this, realizing I only sent a dollar for my Roundup subscription. Do I owe fifty cents or did my fee include me in the association?

JOSEPH SURDI,
Ozone Park, N. Y.

Subscription to The Roundup is \$1.00 per year. Annual membership dues in the association \$1.50. You may send your association dues either to The Roundup or direct to National Headquarters, CBIVA, 616 W. Michigan, Milwaukee 3, Wis.—ED.

China on Business

● After 27 months in CBI as Air Corps Supply Officer (Capt.) at New Delhi, I returned to the U.S.A., took my discharge and five months later went back to China, this time as a civilian once again and stayed 8 months in Peking, Soochow, Foochow, Shanghai, etc. . . . made my hobby (collector of Chinese art) my work and returned to China for my stock. I had visited China a few times before the war as a civilian and collector of art, so it was like "old home town" to me. Now operate the Cathay Lamp and Importing Co.

EDWARD H. ZIFF,
Chicago, Ill.

New 745th Association

● As you probably know, the 745 Railway Operating Bn., of which we have now formed an association, operated on the Assam line of communication in India during World War II.

LEONARD K. HALL,
Secy.-Treas.
Chicago, Ill.

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By-Laws to Be Presented For Adoption by Mail Vote

Proposed by-laws and a constitution have been drawn up for the CBI Veterans Association and will be presented for adoption by a mail vote to all members, and those interested parties who participated in the First Reunion at Milwaukee, and the Chicago and Freeport conferences.

Copies are now being prepared and will be sent to each of the above mentioned groups.

Attending the Freeport conference on Feb. 5th were the four national officers, Lester J. Dencker, commander; Ellsworth Green, vice-commander; William Boyd, adjutant; and Ralph Salick, judge advocate.

The services committee of the CBIVA is presently preparing a list of available motion pictures dealing with the Far East which may be beneficial toward organization of CBI vets in your city. Most of these can be obtained free of charge, a few have a small rental fee.

Copies of this list can be obtained from Vice-Commander Green. Because of his change in position, Green may be reached at the Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City, Kansas.

If you are interested in organizing a basha in your area, names of CBI vets in that district can be obtained from the Public Relations Chairman, Gene Brauer, at 1849 No. 25th St., Milwaukee 5, Wis.



THIS DARJEELING girl carries an umbrella almost as large as herself as she starts home from her work in the tea fields. Darjeeling is known the world over for its deliciously flavored tea. Photo by Capt. A. E. Barnsbee.



MAIL SACK

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Attacked by Bombers

● . . . "C" Company of the 96th Signal Bn. Left the states on Oct. 13, 1943, on a Liberty ship and landed in North Africa. Then we boarded a British boat named the Banfora and a few days out we saw our first action in the form of two separate German bomber attacks in which one boat, the Rhona, was sunk.

JAMES R. BENSON,
Arcadia, Wis.

Reminiscence

● . . . a GI here at the Hospital, MacDill Field, Fla., noticed I was wearing the CBI patch. It interested him because he too saw service in India and Burma. We got into a bull session about the place and he handed me a copy of Ex-CBI Roundup. It gave me quite a kick to read about some of the places from which we operated . . . it brought back a raft of memories.

M/Sgt.
Edmond J. LaFortune,
Station Hospital
MacDill Field, Fla.

Most Cussed Man?

● . . . SOS Hq. and Theater Hq. at New Delhi and believe I have the distinction of being the most-cussed-at man in India, having been the Personnel Rotation Officer up until VE Day, working with M/Sgt. Floyd Bush, the best damned guy in the U. S. Army . . . since returning . . . May 1946 have been stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va., still under our old boss, General Wheeler, our branch chief. Looking forward to the next convention, wherever it may be held.

CWO A. I. MOSIER,
MacKenzie Hall,
Fort Belvoir, Va.

Wants Back Issues

● Send me . . . all back issues available and we can settle on the price when I hear from you . . . Was engineering officer with 4th C. C. Gp.

JERRY FRIEDSON,
Kansas City, Mo.

We are reprinting the June, 1948, issue in small volume to accommodate many requests we've received for back issues. Our file now contains copies of the June, Sept., and Dec., 1948, issues which are available at 25c each.

—ED.

Dip in Irrawaddy!

● While in the CBI, there was plenty of b—ing among both GI's and officers, but as the holidays roll 'round, the greetings come in with "How would you like a dip in the Irrawaddy?" and I allow that I would . . . that sambar meat was good and the jungle fowl chompin contests were something to remember . . . with the U.S.A. Typhus Commission with Hq. at Myitkyina. Now back at research in the U. S. Public Health Service but still have itching feet and am soon off for New Zealand and Australia . . . discharged as Lt. Col. . . here's my dollar, had to go to the bank for it as we don't use folding money in this part of the country, just them good silver dollars. . . .

GORDON E. DAVIS,
Hamilton, Mont.

Beer . . . Without Sawdust

● . . . with the Red Cross at the 5th Repl. Depot near Chabua and finally finished up at Kanchrapara . . . after leaving India in May, 1946, spent nine months in the Philippines, arrived home Feb., 1947 . . . if any of my friends come through Tulsa, drop in for a beer . . . without sawdust!

DOROTHY JANE
(Dutch) SHEEHAN,
1302 S. Denver,
Tulsa, Okla.

Homesick for Calcutta

● My husband has just started to subscribe to The Roundup which we both enjoy very much, especially because I'm from Calcutta and we both got acquainted with so many CBI boys there. Your Ex-CBI Roundup is the only paper here that takes us right back to my home, which I sure miss. Too bad we can't be among some of the fortunate ones taking that annual trip. Sounds wonderful.

MRS. W. H. COLLINS,
227 N. Juanita,
Redondo Beach, Calif.

Likes Reunions

● Anxious to hear of get-togethers and the latest about Firpo's, the Winter Garden, Krier Road, Aker Lane, Billie's Place, etc.

ARNE O. KLAMI,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Road Chaplain Talks

● . . . we had our opening of a new club room for the V.F.W. and found out our speaker was Chaplain on the Burma Road (Rev. James H. Williams).

ALBERT J. BOGNER,
Dodge City, Kansas

Want New York Club

● A few friends with whom I was stationed in the CBI would like to know if there is a "Basha" in Queens Co., Long Island. If not, we would like to contact the National Association's New York state representative and form a group for CBI vets in Queens.

JIM MORTON,
New York, N. Y.

Carswell's Navigator

● . . . I was particularly interested in "The Carswell Story" on Page 6 of the September issue as I was navigator of the B-24 of which Major Carswell was the Command Pilot on Oct. 16, 1944—the night the Jap Cruiser and Destroyer were sunk.

A. T. WITHAM, Jr.,
Auburn, N. Y.

CBI Veterans Should Join Association

Upon checking lists with the National CBI Veterans Association Headquarters at Milwaukee, we find there are still a number of Round-up readers who are not members of the Association.

EVERY China-Burma-India veteran should join the Association that we may have a strong, select organization of ex-GI's who served in one of the most remote outposts of World War II.

State clubs will soon be springing up throughout the nation, and you'll surely want to be among those who enjoy "rehashing" the good, old days in CBI.

To join the CBIVA, merely send your first years dues (\$1.50) together with the following information to National Headquarters, CBIVA, 616 W. Michigan, Milwaukee 3, Wis., and your membership card will follow shortly thereafter: Name, address, date of birth, place of birth, branch of service, years of service, rank, serial number, station(s) in CBI, arrived in CBI, departed CBI, service MOS, civilian occupation.

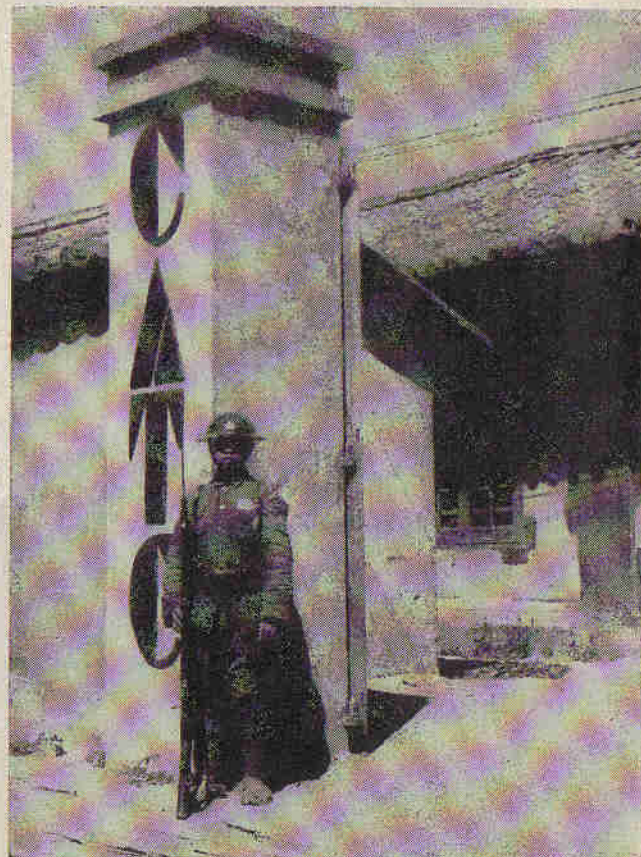
Send your application and dues in TODAY, and make plans now to attend the BIG CBI Veterans Convention at Freeport, Ill., in August.

Back Issues

For the many readers who requested back issues of The Roundup, the editor is happy to announce that issues for June, September and December, 1948, are available at 25c each. When writing, enclose coin or stamps and specify which issues desired.



VICTIM OF CHOLERA at Liuchow, China, laid in the street for four days before his body was removed for burial. Passers-by merely turned their heads from the body as it lay in the street. The body would probably be lying there yet, except that the odor compelled these coolies to take action. Photo by Capt. A. E. Barnsbee.



CHINESE SENTRY stands guard outside CATC Headquarters at Kunming. The young soldier (with open-air shoes) is sometimes compelled to stay on duty for more than 16 hours at a stretch. Photos by Capt. A. E. Barnsbee.

MAIL SACK

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Something Missing!

● . . . are there any civilian jobs open in Calcutta that you know of? I was stationed in Calcutta for four years. After coming home I bought a large apartment house and went into business for myself. But there is something missing. I would give anything to be back there again. If you don't know of any such positions, could you tell me whom I may contact in getting some information on this subject?

JESS C. FIDELL,
Oneida, New York.

The Roundup would not want to be a party to sending anyone back to Calcutta to make his home permanently. We'd rather sleep nights.—Ed.

Speeches on India

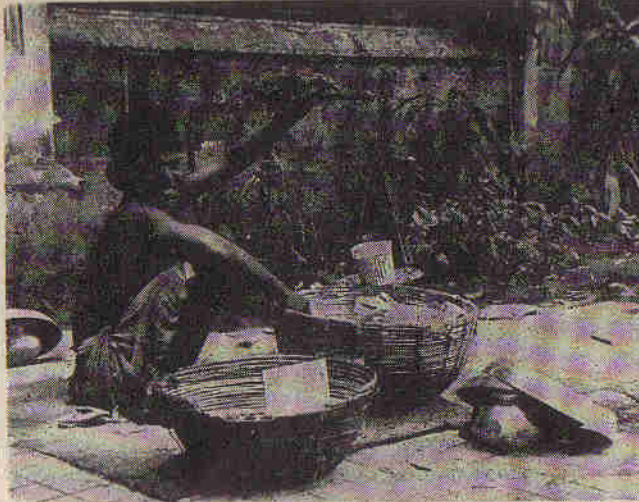
● Formerly assistant Theater Education Officer with Hq. at New Delhi. As a hobby, have been making from 30 to 50 speeches a year on India, illustrating my talks with slides made from pictures brought back from CBI . . . did some USAFI promotion work along the Ledo Road, from Myitkyina, Mogaung, to Ledo.

Carleton J. Jacobson,
315 N. Monroe,
Peoria, Ill.

Tonga Bells on Market

● I was a T/5 with the 6th Base Post Office (Karachi-Calcutta). The names of all the outfits mentioned in your paper are very interesting, for I remember them in handling the mail . . . it might be of interest to many that Indian Elephant bells, Temple bells, Tonga bells, etc., are on the market—at least in our city — with the name of a New York importer (I think his name is Sarni). Prices seem reasonable.

Herschel B. Rochelle,
Battle Creek, Mich.



THIS HAPPY SALESMAN is weighing out two annas worth of some kind of corn meal for a rickshaw wallah to eat for lunch. Food vendors, like the one above, usually start in business at an early age. Photo taken on Theater Road, Calcutta by Capt. A. E. Barnsbee.



FINANCE OFFICER Claire Roeder, Lt. Col., poses before sign advertising Chabua's Cosmopolitan Hotel. A small section of the "hotel" can be seen at right. Running water may be had (when it rains), charpois' (beds) are rented for 2 cents per day (European plan). The Cosmopolitan is Chabua's leading hotel. In fact, it's the town's ONLY hotel.

"CALLING ALL CBI VETS!"



The recent organization of our CBI Veterans into a NATIONAL Association is a step in the right direction toward perpetuating the memories of our adventurous service in The China-Burma-India Theater of War.

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Wants Roundup Monthly

● . . . your Roundup is the most wonderful magazine I've read since returning home from China. But why not make it monthly instead of quarterly? Three months is a helluva long time to wait for this grand sheet. Don't you suppose the boys would be willing to pay a little more if they could get The Roundup more often?

JAMES B. SENTO,
Dallas, Tex.

The Roundup was published monthly from its first issue (Dec. 1946) to June 1947. By that time the magazine was "in the hole" by several hundred dollars and the publication was switched to quarterly issuance. At one time last year (1948) The Roundup was out of "the red." Then the magazine was made the official publication for the new National Association and the patriotic Roundup editor went all-out to publicize the CBI Vets group, publishing 25,000 sample copies for distribution to potential members throughout the country. The one issue cost more than \$800, which again placed The Roundup in the red section of the ledger. We contemplate changing the magazine's issuance to monthly around the first of next year if enough CBI-ers are willing to pay \$3.00 for the 12 copies instead of \$1.00 for four. To change issuance from quarterly to monthly right now, at \$1.00 per year—The Roundup would no longer be operating in the red. We'd be bankrupt!—ED.

Shamrock Outfit

● . . . discharged as Lt. Col., Medical Corps, having spent 29 months in Assam with the 472nd Q. M. Gp. (Shamrock Truck outfit), with most of my time spent in Chabua.

R. A. UPDIKE, M.D.,
Montgomery, W. Va.

MAIL SACK

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Met Wife in Calcutta

● . . . in CBI Air Service Command in Delhi and Calcutta for about 10 months, then in the Bengal Air Depot for the balance of my 28 months in the CBI. Had the rank of Lt. Col. AC, at discharge . . . met my wife in Calcutta. She was in the 142nd Gen. Hosp. as an army nurse and had had 26 months of foreign duty in the Fiji Islands before she was rotated . . . to Calcutta.

WILLIAM D. MASTIN,
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Box 862,

Reunion in East?

● Certainly hope the next reunion of CBI personnel is in the eastern part of the U. S. and feel sure that there are many of us who would be there.

HENRY S. STONE,
West Paris, Maine

Reunion in West?

● . . . why don't you hold the next convention on the west coast so that some of us western guys can attend?

GEORGE NAHLBERG,
Long Beach, Calif.

Reunion in Midwest?

● . . . and I, for one, would attend the next CBI Veterans Association reunion if you'd hold it somewhere in the central part of the country, such as Chicago or Cleveland.

RALPH J. PEARRY,
Chicago, Ill.

At least one of the above three readers will be happy to learn the location of the 1949 Convention.—ED.

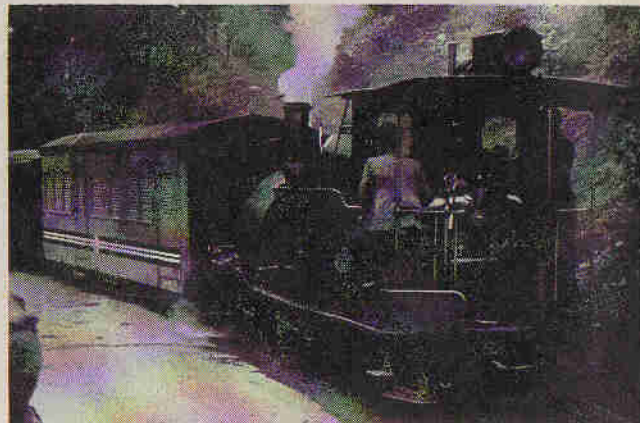
Tour Without Wife

● Count me in on the tour of India next October. Since my wife has no desire to see the Orient, am leaving her to her bridge games and gin rummy parties . . . but I'll be there!

LESTER MALLET,
Columbus, Ohio.

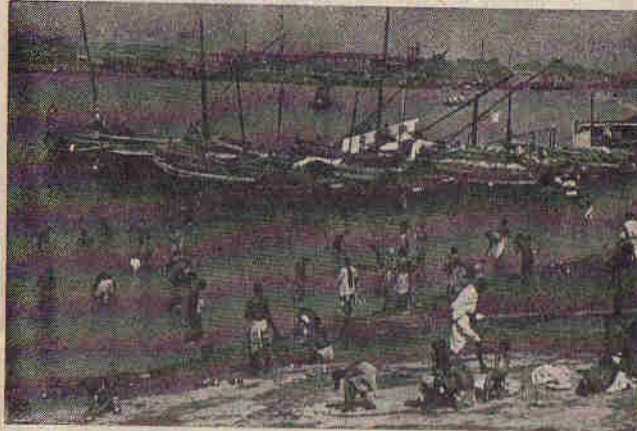


THESE CHINESE ARE loitering on a Kunming street, hoping to beg a few yen from American G.I's. In the background is a woman whose feet were bound according to the ancient custom. Madame Chiang Kai Shek has endeavored to stop the practice. Photo by Capt. A. E. Barnsbee.



DARJEELING IS FAMOUS throughout India as a resort town. Many CBI veterans spent their furloughs at the Rest Camp here. Shown above is the midget locomotive that zig-zags up the mountain to the city. Note the tiny narrow-gauge coach. Photo by Capt. A. E. Barnsbee.

If your subscription has expired, notation will be made in this space. Please use coupon on page 7 to send in your renewal.



TOP—Indian family returning from work in the rice fields near Kalaikundi, India. The whole family works, except the two-year-old. CENTER—Bathing in the Hooghly River at Calcutta, tributary of the Sacred Ganges River. The stream is said to be pointed "to high heaven" with every known disease. BOTTOM—Little "Joe" is prevailed upon to pose in his birthday suit, which he wears every day. Photos by Barnsbee.

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Doubtful Honor

● . . . served in the CBI from October 1943 until February 1948. I have the honor of being one of three officers who served at Hastings Mill (Calcutta) from the day it opened until the day it closed. Others may claim this, but I was there Charlie and I know. Believe it or not I still long for that old factory city of Calcutta.

Lt. Col. Lionel L. Layden,
Mitchel Field, N. Y.

Joy and Delight!

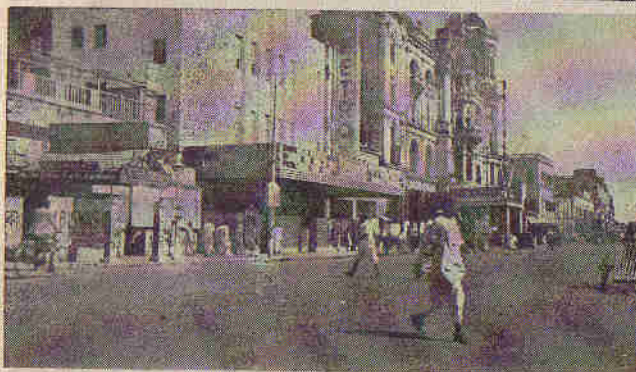
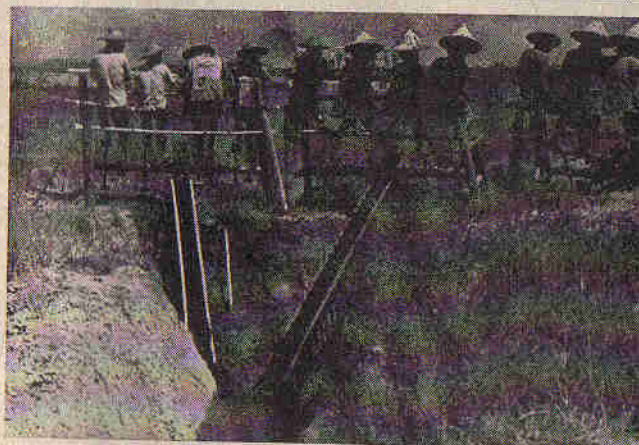
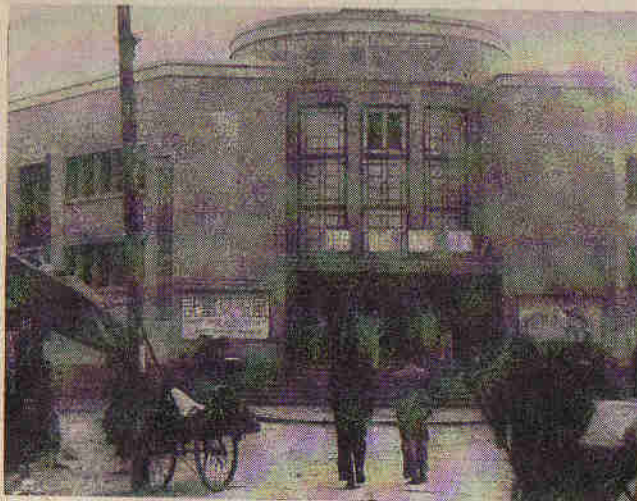
● . . . your publication is a joy and delight and I have thoroughly enjoyed all the articles, pictures and cartoons. Have told a number of CBI-ers here about The Roundup and they are equally interested . . . 16 months in India has spoiled me for the wintery blasts in this area.

Charlotte Wagner,
Memphis, Tenn.

No Apologies!

● . . . some time ago you requested me to send more pictures. Here they are if you can use them. I realize that there are many scratches and the prints may not be of any use to you at all, but I am not apologizing for the prints or the negatives. They were all developed under adverse conditions, and in most cases were developed in solutions at a temperature of 85 degrees. The panee wallahs who carried the water for washing the negatives, must have emptied the local tanks, and there was practically everything in the water except fish. However, that was the CBI . . . in China it was not too bad, I had a Jap pillbox for a darkroom and the only trouble was that the water was clouded with fine clay particles.

CAPT. A. E. BARNSBEE,
Post Signal Office,
Fort Bragg, N. C.



TOP—Modern theater building at Kunming, China. Amidst ancient surroundings, the structure appears as an oasis in the desert. CENTER—Chinese coolies pump irrigation water at Liuchow, China, by means of a treadmill. The system gets the job done and total labor cost is less than 15 cents per day. BOTTOM—Chowringhee Road, main thoroughfare at Calcutta. "Lassie Come Home" was playing at the Metro theater when this picture was snapped in 1944. Photos by Capt. A. E. Barnabee.

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First Yank Girl in China

● . . . went to India with the first original task force on the "Brazil" in March 1942. Attached to and served with the 159th Station Hospital on the desert of India in Malir with the camels and the goats and the desert storms, but 'twas wonderful. In December 1942 I went to China, the first American girl to be sent to China with the armed forces. There I ran the Victory Club and managed to get a few other clubs started. In June 1943 returned to India . . . Calcutta . . . departed on the last ship bearing female personnel, proceeded to Shanghai where I spent the summer . . . moved to Tientsin and remained until December 1946, returning home via Tokyo as we had proposed to do when enroute to India nearly five years before. Since February, 1947, I have been at Fort Dix, N. J., and still no CBI patch gets by me without finding out who, when and where.

Billy (Alice A.) Todd,
84 No. Washington,
North Attleboro, Mass.

Wants Salween News

● . . . Liaison officer, Chinese Combat Command . . . Lt. Col., Inf., now sales representative, textile firm . . . would like to see a little more news of the old Salween gang, especially the Kuli Kuong units.

HERMAN H. FRIEDBERG,
Medford, Mass.

20th General Nurses

● . . . we found the "Ex-CBI Roundup" very interesting. There are quite a few of the former 20th Gen. Hosp. nurses back at the University Hospital (Pa.) so the one paper that we had was read by these girls. Also by some of the doctors who had been in the unit.

GRACE I. KINDIG,
Philadelphia, Pa.



TOP—Water jugs for sale. CENTER—Young food merchant operating a sidewalk restaurant. BOTTOM—Karachi—desert city of western India. Photos by Capt. A. E. Barnsbee.

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Injured in Burma

● . . . fortunately saw a copy of *The Roundup* in one of my Burma buddy's home . . . last outfit was the 48th Evacuation Hospital Unit, Myitkyina, am a retired captain of the army nurse corps having received a nerve injury while in Burma . . . met several CBI friends, including Col. Wade and Capt. Burch, chief nurse of the 18th Gen. Hospital, Ledo, while we were patients at Walter Reed General Hospital.

Phyllis M. Harding,
830 So. Michigan,
Chicago, Ill.

"Gremlin" Writer

● Had the pleasure of serving with the 319th Air Service Sq. four years . . . use to write for "The Gremlin," our squadron paper.

JOSEPH M. HANLEY,
627 Sterling Pl.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

● Would like to hear from my buddies of the 68th Air Service Group and would therefore appreciate your publishing my address.

William R. Weigand,
RFD 2,
Suttons Bay, Mich.

Will Attend Convention

● Was happy to learn that a CBI organization had been formed and I now want to become a member. Was unable to attend the first convention at Milwaukee, but will attend future conventions. Was assigned to the 705th Railway Grand Division and placed on D. S. with the 748th Ry. Opr. Bn. for 16 months at Tinsukia, Assam.

Edgar M. Whitmore,
Willimantic, Conn.

Broken Back

● . . . Major, AUS. Photographic Intelligence, 10th A. F. . . . selling custom glassware, interrupted by a broken back.

WILLIAM E. MASSEY,
Haddonfield, N. J.

MAIL SACK

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Debating

● . . . Mrs. Johnson and I are debating whether we should go along on the world pilgrimage tour to India or slap the money down on a new house. We want to go along so badly, but are wondering if the money couldn't be spent to better advantage right here in the good old U.S.A. . . . let you know within 30 days.

HARVEY S. JOHNSON,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Still Army Nurse

● . . . 142nd Gen. Hospital at Calcutta from June 1945 to November 1945. Still in the army and would appreciate hearing from any of the boys who went through some of the wards as my patients.

Lt. Cecile A. Mallett,
494 Salisbury St.,
Worcester, Mass.

Stomach Removed

● . . . served for awhile in Rear Echelon Headquarters in New Delhi, later near Chabua at HQ., Adv. Sec. No. 2, APO 629. Was a Personnel man, discharged as a Corporal. After discharge was paymaster at a paper mill in Charleston, S. C., until my health failed. Had most of my stomach removed and have been in and out of the Veterans Hospital where I am at present here in Columbia.

HUGH M. MARTIN,
1218 Richland St.,
Columbia, S. C.

Penn. CBI Club

● . . . formerly lived at Harrisburg, Pa. At Calcutta in 1945 we organized the "Pennsylvania Veterans' Club of CBI." Would like to be a representative of The Round-up and the CBI Veterans Association here in Los Angeles and California.

EDWARD F. MINTZER,
5122 S. Van Ness
Los Angeles, Calif.



TOP—Hindu Holy Man and followers. CENTER—Street scene, Kunming, China. BOTTOM—Indian Raja rides sedan chair at Patya, India. Photos by Capt. A. E. Barnsbee.

Peterson, Pick Figures in Recent Storm Emergency

Nebraska Governor Val Peterson, former Lieutenant Colonel with the Northern Air Service Command at Chabua, has had his share of grief this winter when a series of storms and blizzards created a state emergency.

The governor announced last month that some 20,000 miles of roads in Nebraska were unpassable.

Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, of Stillwell Road fame, was named to head rescue operations in the Nebraska disaster area. The rescue group utilized half-tracks and other snow-mobile vehicles to reach scores of farmers who had been cut off from civilization for many weeks.

The exact effectiveness of the rescue operations in Nebraska will be a matter of historical record.

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men to call at our office for a
friendly visit while in Denver.

MAIL SACK

Continued

Left India in 1947

... arrived in the CBI July, 1944, via the S. S. Jean Nicolet which was torpedoed in the Indian Ocean. Harvey Matyas (44th Air Sv. Gp.) and I were the only army personnel to come out alive, all 95 men having been captured by the Jap submarine, taken aboard as prisoners. Most of them were killed and with about 30 left alive, the submarine crash-dived and left us in the ocean with our hands tied behind our backs. After an hour someone untied my hands and about 14 hours later I made my way to a rubber raft dropped by a plane. Eighteen of us were left alive altogether. I went on and spent the next three years in the CBI. Mostly I did Provost Marshal work but many people will remember me as C. O. of the MP Border Guard Station at Wanting-Kyukok on the China-Burma border across the Burma Road. . . . I remained behind when the I-B theater folded up on May 31, 1946. Was in Calcutta during the bloody August, 1946, riots, along with Sgt. Manby who was the last MP to leave India. Then we went up to Assam to take charge of the Search and Recovery operations in the Assam Hills for the planes which had crashed during the war. So we got into Bhutan, the Dafia Hills, the Mishmi Hills, the Abor Hills, Sadiya Frontier Tract, Naga Hills, Khassi Hills and the Garo Hills. We visited a lot of crashes and were able to reverently bring back many remains which were still with the crashed planes. . . . came out of the hills and back to Calcutta April 20, 1947. I was up at Ledo on April 16th and the road was very bad, not being maintained. The bashas all leaned over at crazy angles and in some places the road was overgrown. But one or two vehicles a week made

the trip from Makum Junction through to Myitkyina, operated by a Burmese trading company with the help of the Naga tribesmen along the way. They are fairly friendly. However, one of my captains going into the Naga Hills after a plane crash was jumped by a couple of them and had to empty his .45 at them to get away. Now, see what you've done to me with your little magazine . . . stirred me back to the CBI and spilling my nostalgic inner thoughts. . . .

JOHN J. GUSSAK,
New York, N. Y.

Gussak, a Lt. Col., CMP has cleared up the mystery of what has become of the Stillwell Road since the Yanks quit India. His return to the States in April, 1947, surely makes him one of the last CBI men to sail for home.—Ed.

Would Join Association

● Would like to become a member of the National Association and also would like the address of the nearest local unit of the organization.

OTTO L. ROEDER, Jr.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Contact Wm. A. Boyd,
Adjutant, 1317 Franklin
Ave., Williamsburg Pa.—
ED.

Brownie Huber

● . . . Red Cross at Warazup, Myitkyina, Asam . . . better known as Brownie Huber . . . after returning home from the CBI, I spent a spell in Germany with Special Services. It having none of the joys of the CBI, I decided to return Stateside. This I did by way of a Jeep windshield (me getting the worst of the glass), a hospital, and finally a plane. Now married and completely enjoying an almost normal life.

MRS. THOMAS M.
RICHARDSON,
Chestnut, Ave.,
Towson 4, Md.



Reprint From The Milwaukee Journal

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY party of the Wisconsin CBI Club was held last month at the Pabst Blue Ribbon Hall at Milwaukee. Shown as a membership card was presented to Brig. Gen. W. Fritz Breidster are (from left) Everett S. Schmitz, state president; Gen. Breidster; Lester J. Dencker, national Commander of CBI Veterans Assn.; and Marvin B. Olsen, Milwaukee club president.

'ROUNDUP BASHA' WELCOMES CBI'S AT DENVER OFFICE

Something new has been added at The Roundup office.

To accommodate local and out of town visitors, The Roundup has utilized one room of its new three-room suite as a lounge, reminiscent of the CBI. Designated "The Roundup Basha," the lounge is gayly decorated with framed color etchings of Indian scenes, a Taj Mahal rug makes for added color as well as easy on the feet.

Various souvenirs and trophies adorn the walls and furnishings, lending a strict atmosphere of India—save for the smell and cleanliness.

Roundup subscribers are cordially invited to visit The Basha whenever in Denver. Beginning with the summer months (except while we're attending the convention at Freeport), there'll be cold soft drinks available to our guests.

Drop in to see us at Suite D, 100 West 13th ave., Denver, Colo.

Seeks Lost Buddy

● . . . like to contact a former buddy who was with the 80th Fighter Gp., 89th Sq. . . . name is Max Herman, home town somewhere in Mass. Saw another former buddy's name in the Dec. issue (W. H. Collins).

A. J. BRANCATO,
549 N. 3rd St.,
Hammonton, N. J.

Kashmir Photos

A feature picture story on Kashmir will appear in a future issue of The Roundup. Good, interesting photos on the Northern India Province are scarce as clothing on a rickshaw coolie. If you possess such photos on Srinagar, Rawalpindi or any scenes with Kashmir, The Roundup will appreciate the loan of same. Each picture forwarded should have your return address on the reverse side, together with explanatory material for use in the caption.

Marvin B. Olsen President Elect Milwaukee Club

Marvin B. Olsen, a CBI veteran who served with the 48th Air Depot at Chabua, was named president of the Milwaukee Basha of the Wisconsin CBI Club following the annual elections, Thursday, Dec. 16.

Elected also were George Dietz, vice-president; Mel Rau, treasurer; Carl Benes, secretary; John Kuptz, service officer; Earl Gainer, sergeant-at-arms and Joseph Cicerello, Alvin Groves and William Krohn, executive board.

The new officers were installed on Jan. 13.

Interested in Tour

● The pilgrimage to the CBI sounds wonderful and though I am not sure I'll be able to spare either the time or the rupees, you can put me down tentatively as being interested.

Ellsworth Green, Jr.,
Freeport, Ill.

Freeport, Illinois, Selected Site for 1949 Convention

It's Freeport in '49!

Freeport, Ill., has been chosen the Reunion city for the Second Annual Roundup of the China-Burma-India Veterans Association. The Reunion will be held August 12-13-14.

Selection was made at an executive conference Saturday, Feb. 5, at Freeport, at which 22 veterans representing Illinois, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin attended. The choice was unanimous.

Invitations for the 1949 meeting were extended by both Freeport and Milwaukee. The nomination of Freeport was made by Chester Mayer of Milwaukee.

Prospects for an even greater Reunion than that of 1948 appeared more than likely. The CBIVA has grown tremendously since its inception and is increasing its ranks each and every day.

In making its bid for the Reunion, Freeport has given the CBIVA the key to the city. A parade, scenes depicting life in the Orient, a huge banquet and guest movie stars and speakers are just a few of the scheduled highlights.

There will be ample housing and amusement in the city and it is accessible from all points of the nation. Cooperation from the mayor, the city's businessmen, and in fact from all of Freeport has been pledged.

So, get out your fez' and dhoties and prepare for a grand weekend. Bring along the wife and family. But be sure to attend!

Robert Seitz of Freeport has been named the Reunion Chairman. For reservations and further information, contact Seitz at 1030 W. Galena Ave., Freeport, Ill.

Bids Sought for Emblems

Bids are being sought by the CBI Veterans Association on the cost of club emblems. All CBI veterans in the jewelry business and interested in this project are asked to contact the Services Committee Chairman, Ellsworth Green, at the Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City, Kansas. If possible, a drawing of the proposed emblem should be included in your bid.

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